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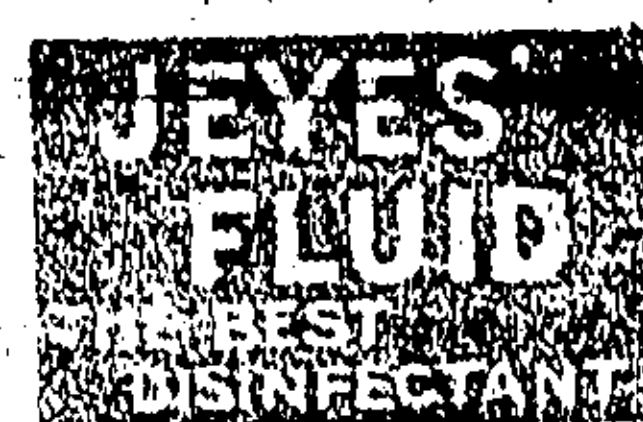
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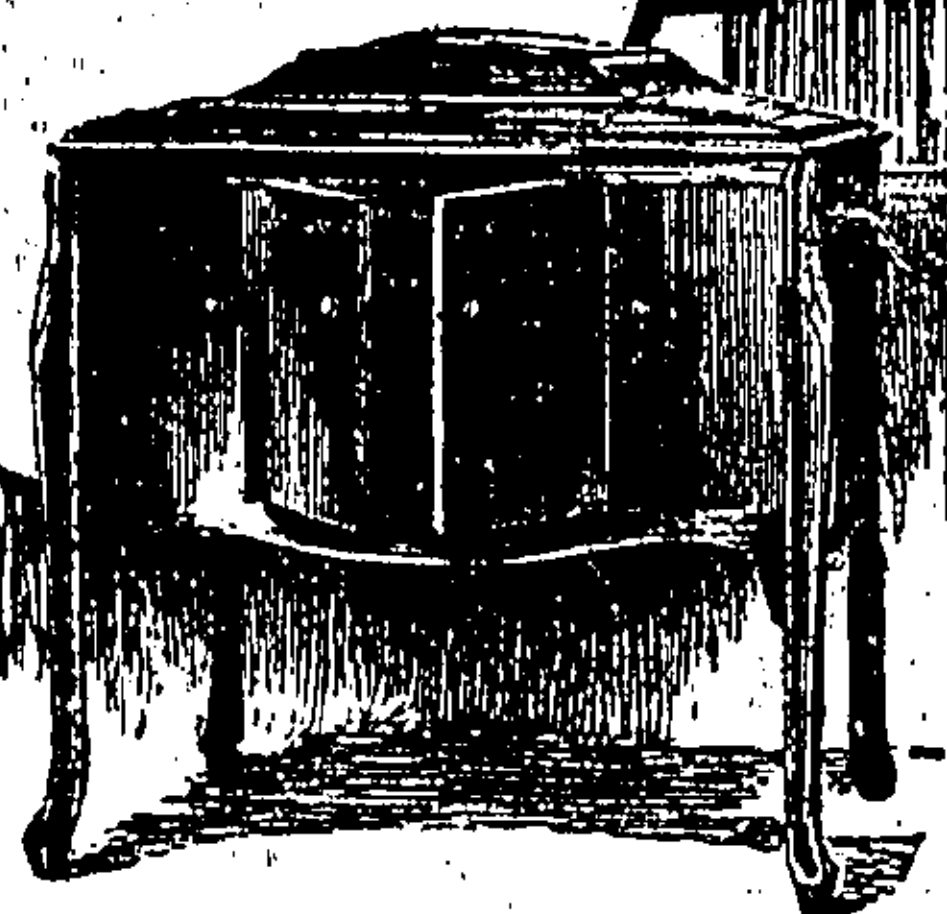
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IMPORTANT REPARATIONS STATEMENT.

CLEARING THE GROUND.

PREMIERS' CHEQUERS MEETING.

RAMSAY MACDONALD EXPLAINS.

ALLIED CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, June 23.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald the Premier, said that the purpose of this interview with Mr. Herriot, the French Premier, was to discuss the technical arrangements necessary in order to put the experts' reports into operation and certain matters in which Anglo-French co-operation seemed desirable in order to promote the security and peace of Europe. That must not be taken to mean that they intended to make any exclusive arrangements between any two Powers. The discussion would be reported to the Premiers of Belgium and Italy to whom Mr. Herriot and Mr. MacDonald were anxious no decision should be presented as, if already taken.

The talk was a preliminary to an inter-Allied conference in London, probably on July 16 and the communiqué issued covered the ground of the conversation.

AMERICA'S HELP ESSENTIAL.

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. MacDonald said it was very desirable America should be represented at the conference on July 16. (Cheers.) A communication to that effect would be made to America immediately.

The representation of Germany was discussed but obviously inter-Allied agreement was the first essential.

With regard to what they were prepared to do to give effect to the report, it was felt the report imposed certain obligations on Germany somewhat outside the obligations of the Treaty of Versailles. The question remaining for consultation with Belgium and Italy was how best they could make Germany a willing partner in sharing these obligations.

CONSULTING THE DOMINIONS.

Mr. MacDonald said the business of the inter-Allied conference would be the Dawes report. As soon as all the machinery was actively working in order to put the report into operation, the conference would proceed to discuss, and he hoped arrange, other outstanding questions between France and Britain, including inter-Allied debts; but he emphasised that the debt question must not be mixed up with the putting of the report into operation.

Replying to Mr. Pringle, Mr. MacDonald said the question of the proportions in which the Allies shared the payments from Germany certainly would not be reopened.

Replying to Sir Ronald McNeill, Mr. MacDonald said the Government was communicating with the Dominions and he gave an assurance the Dominions would be completely consulted so they might feel they were partners with the Government in everything the Government did. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. MacDonald emphasised that in settling the question of putting the Dawes report into operation the Government would take no responsibility that Britain or the Dominions would be mulcted in seeing it carried out.

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. MacDonald said that Germany would be asked to come in and make good the final arrangements for putting the Dawes report into operation.

GERMANY'S GOOD FAITH.

BRUSSELS, June 23.
It is authoritatively stated that Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Herriot at Chequers decided upon the terms of a collective note to Germany, after the anticipated Belgian approval had been obtained, drawing the attention of Germany to the interest she has in giving material guarantees of her good-will and good faith if she wishes the restoration of normal relations with the Allies.

The note will insist on the very urgent necessity of Germany giving all assurances on vital question of disarmament without delay.

"CONTINUED CO-OPERATION."

PARIS, June 23.
A semi official message regarding the MacDonald-Herriot interview says, "We agreed to conclude a pact of continued co-operation." The two premiers did everything possible to create an atmosphere of sympathy and confidence. Mr. MacDonald repeated his assurance that in the case of German defaults, Germany would find herself face to face with Britain, France and Belgium united as inflexibly as in the war.

[Le Matin's special correspondent in London states that the guarantees asked by Mr. Herriot before the Ruhr can be militarily evacuated include the possibility of sending troops to the Rhine in the event of German defaults. This would involve the absolute control of all certain strategic lines. Strong representation will be made to Berlin in regard to disarmament. The Conference of Ambassadors will demand the drawing up of a full inventory and inspection of German armaments by the Inter-Allied Commission. The Germans will be invited to the drafting of a protocol, which will be signed with them for the initiation of the experts' scheme. It is also agreed that France and Britain will each appoint two experts to examine into the question of debts with a view of finding a settlement without awaiting the participation of the United States.]

AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

NEW YORK, June 24.
With regard to the MacDonald-Herriot meeting, it is indicated that there is no likelihood of a deviation from the Government's policy of no formal participation in European discussions; but as a matter of course United States will expect to be represented in some way at the inter-Allied conference. It is remarked as a coincidence that this meeting will probably be held at the same time as Mr. Hughes will be in London, with the American Bar Association. (Reuter's American Service.)

AMERICA'S NEXT PRESIDENT.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

EXCITING SESSION EXPECTED.

WIDE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, June 23.
The city was decorated for miles with flags and bunting, and Fifth Avenue at night was glowing under myriads of yellow, white and blue lights, the official colours of the city, in honour of the opening of the Democratic Convention on June 24 which expected to prove one of the most exciting on record, owing to the large number of potential candidates and the differences of opinion with regard to questions of prohibition, Ku Klux Klan, the world court of justices, and the League of Nations.

The anti-Ku Klan elements' desire a plank in the platform opposing the Klan by name. Others suggest the plank should merely denounce subversive organisations generally.

Division on the foreign relations plank hinges largely on whether or not the League of Nations should be specifically referred to, while as regards the liquor "no some of the delegates urge a plank suggesting an amendment of the Volstead Act so as permit light wines and beers. Others want enforcement of the law with a proviso that if the statute is imperfect and out of harmony with the constitution, Congress should alter it.

Smith and McAdoo are still the most prominent candidates for the presidency, but keen political observers declare that Davis, former Ambassador to Britain is daily gaining adherents.

OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

RECORD ENTRY SPLIT OVER TWO COURSES.

BARNES AND HAGEN IN DANGER.

LONDON, June 23.

With a record entry of 277 competitors, the qualifying rounds of the British Open Golf Championship which began to-day, had to be split over two courses, half playing at Hoylake and the other half at Formby, changing over for the second round to-morrow.

There is a formidable American contingent including the ex-champion Hagen, Sarazen, MacDonald, Smith and Jim Barnes; also two Spaniards and half a dozen Frenchmen.

Both course records were broken. George Gadd (Rochampton) headed the Formby competitors with a score of 70. Next were MacDonald and Smith 72, Sarazen 75, Ray 76, C. Whitcombe 77, and Abe Mitchell 78. In the Hoylake half the veteran J. H. Taylor (Mid Surrey) broke the course record with a score of 70. Havers, the holder, was round in 72, C. J. H. Tolley in 77, Roger Wethered and Duncan in 78, the American Nicholas in 79, Barnes in 81 and Hagen 83. The two last named need excellent rounds to-morrow to gain a place among the first eighty who compete in the championship proper at Hoylake on Thursday and Friday.

WIMBLEDON'S GLAMOUR.

ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT BEGINS. AN INTERNATIONAL REVUE OF TALENT.

LONDON, June 23.

At Wimbledon, the first round commenced in glorious weather, before a huge attendance.

The Frenchman R. Lacoste beat the Japanese S. Okamoto by 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 and 6-4.

A fashionable throng was present. Ten thousand spectators watched the centre court and there were thousands around the outer courts.

In the first centre court match, the American Vincent Richards, who is favoured as a finalist, was not extended, defeating Park 6-1, 6-1 and 6-0.

Then followed a most exciting and brilliant match, the Frenchman R. Lacoste disposing of a young Japanese player in S. Okamoto by 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 and 6-4.

The Spaniard Manuel Alonso beat J. Gregory 6-1, 6-3 and 6-4. The meeting of two prominent Britishers resulted in the elimination of Turnbull by the Davis Cup player J. Gilbert who was 6-3, 6-4 and 6-4.

The Britishers Lycett, Greig and W. Crawley won comfortably but the Davis Cup player L. Godfree went down before the American, W. Washburn who won 6-4, 6-0 and 7-5.

The Frenchmen Borotra and Feret, the South Africans Spence, Condon and Raymond also scored victories.

In the first round K. Hoolihy received a walk-over. Fukuda beat Browne 6-4, 9-11, 6-3 and 6-2.

HOME CRICKET.

AFRIKANDERS AT SOUTHAMPTON.

NOURSE'S MAGNIFICENT CENTURY.

LONDON, June 23.

When stumps were drawn at Southampton, the South Africans had scored 336. Nourse made 121 in a magnificent innings, the feature of which was strong driving and cutting; he hit a five and 16 fours and was batting 2 hours and 50 minutes. Commaile and Blanckenberg scored 62 and 69, respectively. Newman took 4 wickets for 118 runs. The innings occupied 4½ hours.

Hampshire made 185 for 4 wickets (Powell 46 not out).

COUNTY MATCH.

Worcester Lose To Warwick.

At Kidderminster, Warwickshire beat Worcestershire by six wickets. Worcester scored 182 and 74 (Howell 5 for 37). Warwick's figures were 119 and 141 for 4 (Parsons 61 not out).

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said, "Miss Zita Youngman, whom
I have just painted, is an exceed-
ingly beautiful girl, and the Mar-
chioness de Casa-Muniz, who was
before her marriage Miss Paula
Gellibrand, is another lovely type."
"Three beautiful types of English-
women," he added, "were Vis-
countess Curzon, Lady Diana Duff
Cooper, and Miss Lois Stuart."
The Evening Standard.

A Duke to the Rescue.

In one of Mrs. Carlyle's recently
published letters there is a refer-
ence to the beautiful old trees
which adorned the glass house of
the Exhibition of 1851 in Hyde
Park (says the Daily Chronicle).
The builders wanted to cut them
down, but a public outcry pre-
vented this. Their survival nearly
led to disaster, for a host of spar-
rows lived in the branches, and
consequently exhibitors refused to
display their more delicate goods.
Queen Victoria in this emergency,
sent for the Duke of Wellington,
who suggested sparrow-hawks, and
Her Majesty is said to have
exclaimed, in her gratitude, "The
Duke has saved us again."

In Chelsea Today.

The visitor to Chelsea, strolling
from Sloane Square to World's
End, would be tempted in his first
impressions to ask where the
artistic world of Bohemia had fled.
The velvet coat, the flowing tie,
and the wide cape of pre-
Raphaelite times have almost
disappeared, and except for an occasional lay
figure in one of the windows
near the Town Hall there is
little outward indication in King's
Road that Art still has her
headquarters firmly established
there. But in the roads branch-
ing off it to right and left you
might easily lose yourself among
the rabbit-warren of studios. Big
and little, and in the twists and
turns of the riverside ways there
are acres that are unchanged
since Rossetti, Swinburne, and
George Meredith were keeping
house together in Cheyne Walk and
Carlyle was hard at work in Cheyne
Row. In the gardens of Chelsea
old-fashioned flowers still bloom,
and in spring, and summer the
pink blossoms of the almond tree,
and white stars of jessamine, and
the drooping amethyst clusters of
wistaria cause visitors to peer
wistfully through the railings at
the historic houses where so many
great and illustrious people have
lived, and died. There are old
people, too, who remember Carlyle
and Rossetti as familiar figures, and
can talk of them without any of the
awe that lingers round the un-
known. On foggy nights when the
opposite bank is blotted out by
the river between Albert and Bat-
tersby Bridges is grey and shrouded
in mist with the moon dropping
handfuls of silver on its wide breast,
and when the arches of the bridge
are black in the gloom, it is as much
Whistler's river as it was in the
days when he watched from his
windows in Cheyne Walk—Kath-
leen M. Barrow in *Good House-
keeping*.

The Effect of Colour.

The good or bad effect of colour
on abnormal or nervous people
was gone into very thoroughly
during the late war. It was early
discovered that certain cases were
restless, and made poor progress
when in rooms of a certain colour.
On removal to another ward with
different coloured walls, they
showed marked improvement.
These cases were brought to the
attention of leading psychologists
and artists. Tests were made with
far-reaching results. Schemes
and charts were worked
out and wards were painted
with quiet, cheery colours to suit
the state of convalescence, and
some really marvellous cures were
effected by these simple and
hitherto unthought-of means. If
colour has this effect on abnormal
persons, it is bound to influence
normal people to some extent.
Some time ago I had tea in com-
pany with three fellow-artists at
the apartment of a person well
known in Paris society. The salon
was beautifully hung with black
velvet curtains; there were red
lacquer panels in the walls, a black
soft carpet, and great divans of
deep purple velvet with scarlet
cushions. Here and there stood
a precious vase from the East,
the whole subdued by soft
lights. Altogether it was the
most evil-looking place I had
ever been in. It is impossible
to convey the sinister atmosphere.
A room like that could not have a
good influence on any living crea-
ture, and the four of us took a
deep breath when we got into the
good fresh air again. Neverthe-
less, it is difficult to generalise on
the effect of colour. For instance,
red has an exciting effect on the
brain, but certain tones have quite
a soothing and cheery influence.
Blue is the same; certain of the
deeper tones give one a distinct
shock. There are certain yellow
tints that almost nauseate one.
Webster Murray in the *Royal
Magazine*.

ROMANCE OF RUBBER.**THE PLAYTHING OF SAVAGES.**

If there is romance in industry,
surely an eventful chapter has
been contributed by rubber, which,
having its first commercial start in
a restricted use in America during
Civil War days, has now advanced
to a position where the great
automotive industry is, because of
its tire requirements, quite de-
pendent on it, says a Home paper
writer.

Nor is its commercial rise the
only interesting thing about
rubber, for it may have been in
use in very ancient times, and, in
any event, was certainly not made
known to western civilization by
Christopher Columbus, as is the
general impression.

Just how Columbus came to be
credited with having found the
natives using rubber in Haiti,
about 1493, is one of the few things
about this product, other than its
synthetic possibilities, that so far
has never been satisfactorily ex-
plained. As a matter of fact,
civilization, from the Occidental
standpoint, did discover rubber in
the hands of American natives at
Pelay, but the Spaniards in the course
of their invasion of Mexico in 1521.
One of their excursions these
conquerors saw a national game of
ball played in a circus-like in-
closure. The object of the game
appears to have been to keep a
lively ball, made of some strange
material, flying through the air
until it was driven through a hole
in a circular stone.

The Spaniards seem to have
given little further attention to the
incident; but they learned to
protect their clothes against rain
by painting them with the strange
substance which the natives
gathered in liquid form from the
hevea tree. In 1536, however,
some Portuguese missionaries,
penetrating the Amazon regions,
found the inhabitants using what
we now know as crude rubber for
making shoes, bottles, and other
vessels; yet they were so little
interested that nearly 200 years
elapsed before some Lisbon
traders awakened to the com-
mercial possibilities of these rub-
ber articles and commenced to
trade in them in a small way for
the European market.

Goodyear's Discovery.

This marked the first business
transaction in a commodity which
to-day composes wholly, or in large
part, nearly 30,000 different articles.
But none of these things might be
in use, or rubber have been found
practicable for their manufacture,
if Charles Goodyear, in 1839, had
not discovered the secret of
vulcanization. After many years'
experimentation with compounds
and solvents developed by
chemists of five different nations,
Goodyear, one winter's night, ac-
cidentally spilled some rubber com-
pound on the hot stove in his room.
The result was a sudden change
from a soft, plastic material to
what looked like charred leather.
He eventually named the perfected
process vulcanization, after Vulcan,
god of fire.

Despite Goodyear's realization
that rubber satisfactory for com-
mercial manufacturing purposes
was now a certainty, there was
little activity in the industry until
an impetus was given by the Civil
War, development of the railroad,
and the manifold uses of elec-
tricity. But almost at once the
problem of supply presented
itself. Not that there was a
shortage of raw material; untold
quantities were in the jungles
waiting the hand of the pioneer;
but then as to-day, the Amazon
valley was practically inaccessible.
If rubber manufacture was to pro-
gress, rubber trees must be grown
elsewhere than in South America.
Seeing these difficulties, an
Englishman, Thomas Hancock,
recommended the possibility of
cultivating rubber trees in the
East Indies, a country in about the
same latitude as the Amazon valley
but with far superior growing
labour, and shipping facilities. A
few years later Sir Joseph Hooker,
director of Kew Gardens, London,
sent collectors to Brazil for seed
with the idea of propagating it at
the garden, forcing houses and
sending the seedlings to the Malay
Peninsula. In this way the present
vast plantations, totalling over
300,000,000 trees had their start;
those few seeds were the nucleus
of an industry which, from planta-
tion to finished goods, employs
more than 1,000,000 individuals
and indirectly gives employment
to a million more.

History of Rubber Tires.

The first attempt to commer-
cialize manufactured rubber was
made before Goodyear's discovery
of vulcanization, however, for
about 1833 one Dietz was granted a
patent which covered the applica-
tion of a solid rubber band or
cushion to an ordinary iron tire.
No serious attempt appears to
have been made to develop this
invention. Vulcanization came
in 1839 and a few years later,
1847, a rubber company was or-
ganized at Colchester, Cong., to
manufacture rubber boots and
shoes under the Goodyear patent.

WELSH WEEK.**FESTIVAL BY CHOIR OF 30,000 VOICES.**

A Welsh choir of 30,000 voices
is included in the programme for
Welsh week at Wembley in
August. The Prince of Wales is
taking a keen, personal interest in
the project and has expressed the
hope that every choir in Wales will
be represented at the Stadium.

Sir Walford Davies, who is one
of the leading spirits behind the
campaign, has explained that the
Welsh musical festival week would
be a fine opportunity for Wales to
speak her musical mind. They
would be making music at Wem-
bley for thousands of hearers.

It was really an honour for
Wales, he said, to be singled out
and invited through her National
Council of Music to give the
festival. It was a chance for
Wales to find herself musically.
Her effort to give of her best to
the Empire would bring her to her best.

It was going to be a purely
Welsh musical festival for the
Empire.

"Imagine the effect of a great
Welsh choir of thirty thousand
singing parts of the 'Messe' and
their own folk melodies," Sir
Walford added.

Some of the great Welsh choirs
have already offered their services,
and it is expected that as the
arrangements proceed every town
and village in North and South
Wales will send their contribution
for the Welsh invasion of London.

In the meantime, 1845, a
patent was granted to W. H.
Thomson, an Englishman, cover-
ing what might be termed the
first pneumatic tire. It was a
rubber tube enclosed in a leather
casing. This project was not de-
veloped and nothing further done
along this line for nearly 40
years, although boots and shoes in
some quantity were being manu-
factured. There is also a record
of some rubber paving laid in
England about 1840, but it proved
a failure. With the Civil War
rubber came into considerable use
for military purposes: raincoats,
knapsacks, waterproof, blankets,
and other articles being made of it.

In 1868 the first solid tire
was made and 12 years later this
invention was revived when a
London cab company equipped
vehicles with these tires. Similar
tires for bicycles came into use
about this date; they were not
conducive to comfortable riding,
but they paved the way for the
pneumatic type, introduced in
1880. John B. Dunlop of Belfast
originated the idea of this tire.
His plan called for a thin tube for
air, protected by a jacket of linen;
the perfected pneumatic tire was
invented in 1890 by P. W. Tilling-
ham. Eight years later the
automobile came into quite general
use and it was then that the
manufacture received its great
impulse, as did the production and
use of rubber generally.

Although tires and tire ac-
cessories account for two-thirds of all
the rubber used in the world, the
remaining one-third makes more
than 25,000 different articles com-
posed wholly or principally of
rubber. Motor vehicle batteries
are a very large single item in the
hard rubber world, while me-
chanical rubber goods, such as
belting, bulk large in soft rubber
goods. Mats, tiling and flooring,
erasers, heels and soles, balloons,
dirtblades and air-plane parts, and
golf balls are also important soft
rubber staples. Much rubber now
is being used in the manufacture
of radio instruments, and, of
course, it has always been a neces-
sity in manufacturing telephones
and other electrical goods.

At this time, with a standing
prize of \$25,000 offered by the
British Rubber Association for the
best idea for the use of rubber,
absorbing the greatest amount of
the material, a great number of
new uses for it are being develop-
ed. Rubber paving is getting
wide attention. In Colombo,
Ceylon, the municipality has laid
a number of city streets with
rubber, and from this experiment
a more general use for this
purpose is looked for. Rubber
glass is another product coming to
be well known; it is transparent,
and said to be more durable than
islinglass.

The most recent discovery or
development is the manufacture
of rubberized or water-proofed
paper. This will mean the direct
importation of liquid latex from
the plantations, something never
heretofore attempted to any extent.
It is claimed to have been proved
that mixing rubber latex with
paper pulp, not only will mean
conservation of dwindling paper
supplies, but will even cheapen
production, improving quality as
well. Such paper may be required
by law in the future, the inventor
claiming, for wrapping food supplies,
while it may be conceived of as
replacing leather in some articles.

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DIVERS.—On June 18, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Divers, a son.

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MARRIAGE.

DONNELLY.—TAYLOR. — On June 17, 1924, at Shanghai, Charles Adrian Donnelly, of Melbourne, Australia, to Lillian Hazel, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, St. Kilda, Victoria, Australia.

DEATH.

DODWELL.—At London, on June 23, Frederic Dodwell, Director of Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (By Cable.)

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1924.

FORESTRY PATHS.

Outside the members of the staff of our Botanical and Forestry Department it is likely

as possible. He has also a right to expect that where kindly thought in the past has led to the fixing of what we may call finger posts, these be maintained in a stricter sense of clarity than is now the case. Take the one directing the wayfarer to Repulse Bay. At one time a sign on the main road drew attention to where the path proper began. This has now disappeared. A sign off the road indicates that the path leads to the Bay, but it is in sad case for the lack of attention—and needs paint and nails ere its last state becomes worse than its first. Other Forestry path signs need renovation, and having drawn attention to the matter we trust those responsible will give it their attention. Is it also too much to ask that the conclusion of the path leading to Repulse Bay be more defined?

A Comparison.

Our own University we believe is affiliated with the London University. If not that, its examinations are based on the high standards set by the London institution; and in any case they have much in common. Both Universities had Degree ceremonies within almost a month of each other, and it is interesting to compare the two ceremonies. Hongkong's we read, was over in almost record time, yet carried through with a quiet dignity that lent reality to the proceedings. London's, being a bigger affair (the Royal Albert Hall had to be used) was vested with brilliance, and included the Vice-Chancellor's charge to the graduates which seems to us to have been the most important part of the proceedings.

Reminding graduates that they were held part of the graduate body of the University, the Vice-Chancellor drew attention to their privileges and duties.

The problems calling for a solution in the world, international and domestic, problems of politics, and of conduct, of national and local importance, were all growing more and more difficult and complicated, and for their solution the aid of the trained mind which it was the business of Universities to foster should be placed at the disposal of the State, of the community, of humanity.

That was one of their privileges and duties, as graduates of a University, to render service to their fellow-men. A high standard was rightly expected from University men and women, and in the elucidation of these problems the trained mind should function, as it functioned in problems of scholarship and science. The avoidance of the facile and superficial, the seeking and ensuring of thoroughness, completeness, and accuracy—these were the qualities which the University graduate should display.

Graduates of the London University are entitled to a Parliamentary vote and the nature of the address to which the new graduates were treated can therefore be understood. Our local graduates have no such vote and in the absence of the conferring of degrees upon distinguished individuals—were treated to silence. We should like to think that any remarks H.E. the Chancellor of the University might have cared to make at the close of the ceremony, would have been as much appreciated almost as the degrees themselves. The only satisfaction we derive from it all, is that no honorary degrees were bestowed, although it might not be difficult to name those worthy such an honour.

The O.M.

Home news indicates that there was some interesting speculation regarding the Honours List due to be published on the King's birthday. It was understood that H.M. the King was giving consideration to the very exclusive Order of Merit, and some interesting appointments to that distinguished company were expected to be made. We now know what those appointments were—names of men little known to the ordinary "man in the street" but deemed worthy the recipient of the highest Order in the land. When the late King Edward VII. founded the Order of Merit to commemorate his coronation in 1902 he laid it down that it was to be a special distinction for men eminent in any department whatever—war, science, literature, or art. The number of those entitled to wear the Order of Merit is limited to twenty-four, with the addition of foreign honorary members. This, however, is a number that has never yet been attained

Prior to the names of recipients announced on the 3rd inst., there were fourteen British wearers of the Order. Of these, three are sailors—Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Edward Seymour (sole survivor of King Edward's original list); Viscount Jellicoe, and Earl Beatty—while the two British soldiers to wear the Order are the Earl of Ypres and Earl Haig. Literature is represented by Sir George Trevelyan, Thomas Hardy and Sir James Barrie, while politicians are represented by the Earl of Balfour, Viscount Haldon and Mr. Lloyd George. Science has two distinguished representatives in Sir Joseph Thomson and Sir Archibald Geikie; music, in the person of Sir Edward Elgar. Two painters—now dead—the late Sir Laurence Alma-Tadema and Holman Hunt figure in the list of holders. This list reveals the fact that so far "war" has been more generally recognised than any other walk of life. With such a small list as twenty-four, it is to be understood why certain names or the names of those representing certain of the "departments" referred to, do not appear. No poet has yet been admitted to the Order (it is not likely that Thomas Hardy was selected because of his verse) whilst the Stage and Medicine has so far lacked a representative. The Order is for either sex, but so far only one woman, Florence Nightingale, has ever worn it. It is comforting to think that in the many Honours which it is possible for the King to bestow, there is one which cannot be "purchased" or influence used to procure it.

CRABS ETC.

Reports have it that small crabs and fish have been found in water drawn up from wells in the Sahara Desert. Shafts sunk in the North African waste indicate the presence of large underground sheets of water everywhere and the question is being asked: Can it be that, hundreds of feet below the surface, there exists a vast subterranean sea densely inhabited? There may be of course. Did not Solomon say there was nothing new under the sun? And of course he meant the Sahara as well!

FORCE.

Statisticians might be able to tell us what could be done if the force in our rushing torrents—helped by the heavy rains we have had—could be harnessed and utilised in the service of the Colony. Many have doubtless rallied at the weather mildly forgetting its cooing and health giving qualities and its services in storing our liquid "godowns" at Tai-tam and elsewhere.

KNOWLEDGE.

Professor Weiss of Manchester University, whose subject is botany, set up some forcing frames in the college quad. They became to be known as the hot-beds of Weiss. Which helps us to understand how the name is pronounced.

A PORTENT.

Home is revealed in the advertisement appearing in the local press. In part it reads:—

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CONVERSATION.

Mr. Robert Lynd in an essay on "Conversation" gives us a sample which is too good to allow to remain between the covers of his "Solomon in all his Glory." Here it is:—

I do not know how the talk drifted from Bottomley, whom a little lean-faced commercial traveller drinking bitter in the corner refused to "let when 'e'down," to King George, but for about ten minutes a chorus of male voices discussed the King and the hard life he leads—Goodwood one week, Cowes the next, and never a day idle. "I was watchen him at Goodwood," said a young Jew in blue trousers and fawn-coloured socks, "and saw him shakeen hands, shakeen hands, with about thirty people in five minutes, touchen his hat and boween—greeteens, I suppose you would call it. I thought to myself I'd rather be dead. Greeteens, greeteens all the time." "W'y—does 'e do it?" the lean little man asked. "It's all 'umbug," "Of course it's 'umbug," replied the Jew, warmly, "and nobody knows it better than the King. That's what makes it such hard work." "hat's what I mean," interrupted the landlord, a large fat man with a moustache, a bowler on the back of his head, and a booming voice, "when 'e call him a man what's more harassed in

the whole of England than King George. I wouldn't take his job, not if you paid me for it." "Give me the Prince of Wales," a spectacled Scotsman in a makintosh mumbled into his moustache without taking his pipe out of his mouth. "Ah, the Prince," said the landlord, wagging his head; "he's hot—as mustard. A naval officer what was with him in India was telling me the other night how he routed that fellow Gahndhi."

The following extract from a letter written by Stella Benson, the well-known author, to a friend, is an unforgettable picture of a place which is looming more and more in the thoughts and minds of Hongkong people.

We took one of our visitors up to Yunnanfou, the remotest yet least provincial place I ever was in. It is a great junction of caravan routes from Burma, Tibet, from Western China, and every one in every street is worth turning around to look at. We have our tribes people here in Mengtze and have discovered a new, splendid tribe (new to us) lately, the women of which bind their own voluminous black hair into the form of a huge turban with silver cords, red tassels and leather thongs studded with silver. But to see our tribes you must go like a thief in the night; you see them—like fairies—only when you aren't looking for them or when you are with some painted idiot of a Frenchwoman who talks of the "sales indigènes." And in Yunnanfou, fantastic peasants in the most beautiful jaded rose pinks, jade greens, and purples rub shoulders with you at every corner.

Yunnanfou is much "be-briganded and you can't ride far, but we did ride once to the Copper temple, a series of old, but unimpaired courtyards under shady trees, and shady cloisters tilted up a mountain side—and in the topmost courtyard the copper shrine in filigree work that rings like a bell—on a white marble terrace.

Many and diverse are the ways used by different people to show a sense of gratitude for favours received. The following to say the least is picturesque:—

A thanks offering to the water spirit of the "Anna Liffey," as Dublin's river is called, for having spared his life has just been made by Senator Oliver St. John, Gogarty. The ceremony, in which he was assisted by William T. Cosgrave, President of the Dail, and the poet William Butler Yeats, was the release of two white swans on the river. A luncheon attended by Government officials followed.

Dr. Gogarty thus fulfilled a vow made more than a year ago when Republican troops had captured him by representing that his professional services were required. He was taken to a house and placed under guard, but escaped by jumping into the river. It was then, almost exhausted in attempting to reach the other side, that he made the vow just fulfilled.

Johnston: "I've stopped among friends." Miller: "That will save your friends a lot of money."

To-day's Poem.

(Contrasts.)
Oh, scarlet hurts, like some strange lust;
Mauve stills your heart with sleepy things;
Blue dreams forever; yellow laughs;
But green—green sings.
* * *
Maroon just covers us with bruises;
Puce and cerise are hardly helps;
Gambooge? It stuns us and confuses;
But red—red yelps!

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JUNE 24.

1780. My hay is cut, and it has rained all day; well Madam, is it not better to have only annual distresses, than to attend to old Madam England's cancers and amputation of limbs? —Walpole.

A THOUGHT.

When we come to think about it seriously, it is rather absurd for us to expect to have uninterrupted stretches of happiness. Happiness falls to our share in separate detached bits and those of us who are wise, content themselves with the broken fragments. —Beatrice Harraden.

MIDSUMMER'S DAY IN HONGKONG.

Midsummer's Day!

The calendar says to-day is Midsummer's Day, a blissful mid-point of glorious summer, a day which conjures up dreams of vernal beauty, the sweet season of ever-fanning breezes and romance. How poetical it sounds to the musical ear—Midsummer's Day! Just picture the day amid England's exquisite country, in the green fields, among the heather or at the seaside. Think of the joys of living on Honolulu's happy benches—a Midsummer's Day in Paradise. Think of all this, if you have the imagination and then come back to earth and look at Hongkong. Bah—piffle!

Midsummer's Day in Hongkong to-day makes the poet a liar. It compels us to wonder what kind of poetry he would have written had he scrambled from his house or bungalow on the Peak to his chamber in the City or from his attic in Kowloon to the Ferry, wet through, drenched to the skin and thoroughly miserable. Base wretch he would have been to dream with lofty thoughts of what his forbears had said of a Midsummer's Day like this.

Glancing through the indispensable book of quotations one only, one single bard, we feel, has ever told the truth. Of the season he says:

"That muddy and mizzly misnomer summer," John Wilson, may his tribe increase, was not a pessimist; he was a poet with a sense of humour who believed, like most of us do, in that old saying: "One swallow does not make a summer." The cunning cuckoo did not deceive him; he simply told the truth.

Longfellow was never in Hongkong. His works are immortal but that single verse of his:

How beautiful is the rain
After the dust and heat
In the broad and fiery street
In the narrow lane
How beautiful is the rain

from his poem "Rain in Summer" makes patient ones weep and gnash their teeth as they sit and listen to the drip-drip and merciless patter of the melancholy downpour.

Some of the unfortunates pray for rain and do not get it; others implore for it to stop. As far as we are concerned it may rain, but on June 24, Midsummer's Day it is impossible. The calendar must be wrong. An Old Moore of Hongkong is desperately needed.

IN THE RAIN.

TENANT WHO HAD NO
ROOF.

\$1,000 CLAIMED.

In claiming \$1,000 from the landlords (The Yick Loong firm) of 30, Queen's Road West on behalf of Chan Tan (the tenant) Mr. E. S. C. Brooks at the Summary Court this morning said owing to the action of the landlords his client had had to sleep with nothing between him and the sky but a few rafters.

The tenant occupied the ground floor of the premises and on May 4 a number of workmen approached the premises and erected scaffolding with a view to pulling them down. The landlords were written to and warned that if they proceeded they would be liable to the tenant for damages. In spite of this the men took off the whole of the roof and the flooring of the first and second floors. An injunction was granted on May 9 and since that time the tenant had been without protection in the worst of weather. He had at his own expense repaired the roof sufficiently to carry on his tailoring to some extent.

The claim was for the cost of repairing the roof; the inconvenience the tenant had suffered, loss of business and "generally the outrageous conduct of the landlords in doing what they did," said Mr. Brooks.

The tenant in evidence said that he had partially repaired the roof but even then the rain poured in on him in his bed and he had been forced to sleep on the next door verandah.

Mr. N. J. Brewer, for the landlords, admitted responsibility for damage to a certain extent and wished the case adjourned for the Registrar to assess the damage.

Mr. Brooks objected to this course and said that His Honour (Mr. Justice A. Dyer Hall) was best competent to assess such damages as he had had so many similar claims before him.

His Honour said he doubted whether he had power to refer the case to the Registrar in view of the objection and he ruled that it should proceed.

Mr. Brewer said his case was that the landlord had received permission from the tenant to proceed with the demolition of the house as he realized his obligation to leave and was going to another house. It was on the strength of this that the men had been sent to the premises and it was only an after thought on the part of the tenant to try and get damages from the landlords. The tenant had not been able to get another house.

Evidence to this effect was given by the landlord.

LANDLORDS REBUKED.
His Honour said he would have to adjourn the case until to-morrow morning. He was prepared to find for \$500 damages but before giving anything further he wished to consider if this was similar to other applications under consideration. If landlords persisted in such conduct they would lay themselves open to heavy damages.

ONLY THE AIR SAFE.

LAND OF BANDITS AND
PIRATES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Aviators in Canton are only safe while in the air. Otherwise they are prey for brigands on land and pirates at sea.

On June 21 a member of the Canton Aviation Corps leaving the city in Police Launch No. 1 with supplies for the East River districts was attacked on the way and he together with a guard of more than 20 men was taken captive.

Reports from the districts where river traffic is the principal form of communication the last few days indicate that nothing but anarchy is ruling there. Pirates are co-operating with the so-called government patrol boats in running down passenger junks and launches.

The frequent changes in commands in Canton, failure to pay off local naval forces properly following the dismissal of higher officers, the inability to tell who may be a superior officer or an enemy through the many rapid promotions and dismissals and the frequent change of political attitude, all have called for no little dissatisfaction and misunderstanding in the local river forces, and it appeared during the last few days that it might be the opinion of not a few in the service that since everything will be all wrong pretty soon, it will be foolish not to seize what comes within reach.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

PROCEDURE NOT
PRINCIPLE.

HOUSING BILL SETBACK.

LONDON, June 22.

The Government sustained another defeat in the House of Commons by the substantial vote of 315 to 175 in consequence of an Opposition and Liberal combination in favour of a motion to refer the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill to a committee of the whole House instead of to a special committee as the Government sought to impose.

The defeat, however, is one of procedure, not of principle. No political significance is therefore attached to it, and the other business proceeded.

Prior to this incident the Bill, which embodies the financial resolutions already passed, was read a second time after an Opposition motion for its rejection had been defeated by 260 to 205 votes.

The Opposition argued that the Bill was unsound in theory, and practice and its finance was thoroughly bad.

The Liberals also expressed some discontent, and it was the Liberal Masterman's motion which ultimately resulted in the Government's discomfiture.

A VAGABOND.

NOT TRUE TO HIS BOND.

A disreputable looking Chinese who was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with being a rover and a vagabond was stated to have been denounced by his family. Inspector Cotton said he knew the man very well. He appeared at various police stations in Hongkong periodically, told the officials he could locate armed robbers, received money for his prospective information and then disappeared. Mr. Ingless sent the man to jail for two months.

MAISONS TOLEREES.

PROPOSED HONGKONG INQUIRY.

EXPERT COMMITTEE.

LONDON, June 24. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. John Harris, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of Colonies, said he was constituting an expert committee to advise him on the subject of maisons tolerees in Hongkong and the proposed bill of registration and control of prostitutes, after which he would be enabled to make a statement to the house.

ALL SAFE.

LONDON, June 23. The Clan Line announces that a message has been received in London stating that the captain's boat of the "Clan Macmillan" has been picked up and all members of the crew are now accounted for.

It is reported from Rangoon that the "Clan Macmillan" was wrecked on the Preparaif shoal. The steamer "Minhoa" picked up sixty of the crew south of the Akunda reef.

SOUTH AFRICA'S POLITICS.

CAPE TOWN, June 23. General Smuts has resigned the premiership. The Governor-General has summoned General Hertzog to form a Cabinet. He has asked the Smuts Ministry to continue in office pending the formation of the new government. It is announced that General Smuts will not be opposed for the Standerton (Transvaal) seat offered him by Colonel Classen.

£100,000 APPEAL.

LONDON, June 23. In a letter to the Press, Lord Milner, Chairman of the Colonial Office Committee, appeals for £100,000 for the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture at Trinidad in order to complete and equip laboratories now being constructed; also to provide for the establishment of an instructional sugar factory towards which the sugar machinery engineers of Britain have contributed apparatus valued at £20,000.

JUDGE CRITICISED.

LONDON, June 22. In the House of Commons Mr. Lansbury, asked if the Government would grant time for discussion of his motion asking for the removal of Mr. Justice McCordie from the Bench in connection with his summing up in the O'Dwyer libel case.

Mr. MacDonald said the Government had come to the conclusion that discussion of this subject would only add to the harm done in India by the words complained of.

COMING HERE.

HOMEWARD BOUND. SUBMARINES.

MANILA, June 23. Nine old-style submarines left for America to-day, via Hongkong, Amoy, Shanghai and Chefoo to be replaced by eighteen large modern vessels from the United States.

MACLAREN'S DELAY.

MOVEMENTS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER.

There is much speculation in the Colony as to the reason for the mystery surrounding the movements of Squadron Leader MacLaren, the world flier, who has been delayed for many weeks at Akah. No message has been received from Akah for over a week and the last was not from MacLaren but from the Captain of the American destroyer "William B. Preston" to say that he had delivered the new machine on June 13.

Local aviation experts allowed that four days was ample time in which to reassemble the machine and although this may already have been done and the world aviator may be merely waiting for more favourable weather conditions, one would have thought that a message to this effect would have been sent.

Mr. Prosser, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., who is in charge of the landing arrangements etc. for Hongkong has received no news and considers that MacLaren is delayed at Akah by unfavourable weather.

It will be remembered that the American aviators reached Rangoon, a day's flight of 450 miles from Akah, their next halt, on June 20 since no news of them has been received. All these indications point to unfavourable weather conditions in that region.

LAST NIGHT'S RAIN.

OVER SEVEN INCHES FOR 24 HOURS.

COMPARISON WITH AVERAGE.

To the majority, sleep must have been bit fitful last night owing to the noise of the heavy downpour. It is not surprising therefore to learn that between 10.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. the rainfall registered at the Observatory Royal was 1.08 inches, and that during the 24 hours up to 10 o'clock this morning 7.125 inches had been recorded. This brings the total rainfall for this year to 50.42 inches which compares with an average of 35.79 inches.

During yesterday's heavy downpour 3.235 in. fell between one and five o'clock, the heaviest shower being between 3.50 and 4.30 when 1.350 inches fell. From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. the rainfall was 3.570 inches and for the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. it was 4.30 inches.

HOUSE COLLAPSE.

The dead body of a coolie workman was recovered at 12 o'clock to-day from the debris of the new house in Temple Street, Yau-mat, a party wall of which collapsed while the coolies were working there. The mishap, which inflicted much damage, was no doubt due to the heavy rains and is said to have followed a particularly heavy clasp of thunder.

It is believed that twelve men were buried under the debris and of these nine were extricated almost immediately; only the foreman sustaining serious injury. Workmen are still at work searching for the two others who are supposed to be buried.

Reports from the outlying districts and up-country indicate that abundant rain has fallen everywhere. Generally speaking, the deluge will not affect the summer (first crop) harvest but the waterways of the river delta are rising rapidly. Flood conditions are not unexpected.

OUR BUILDING LAWS.

ARE LANDLORDS PENALISED?

ANOTHER EXPERT'S OPINION.

How the Rents Amendment Ordinance—better known as the Demolition or Reconstruction Ordinance—has affected the Colony's property market together with several relevant side-issues, has been dealt with recently in the "China Mail's" columns.

Housing experts courteously contributed some interesting views and to-day we publish a letter by another architect. He writes as follows:

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—The Rents Ordinance is all in favour of the tenants and there is no possibility of rebuilding unless the Building Authority decides that the structure to be demolished is unsound, and I may add that there must be no doubt whatever about the unsoundness; the need for ordinary repairs is not sufficient.

There is no likelihood of the law being altered until the new houses, and in course of erection, are completed and extra housing accommodation provided. This will take about eight or ten months.

The only way for the owners to make themselves heard is to unite in the matter; they will be well advised to look ahead, for rebuilding must start again in Hongkong in the near future and then they may look out for more restrictions—at least that is my opinion.

Such reconstruction work as I have had refused permission by the Building Authority, offers no special feature for comment. Accordingly I am not in a position to add to your list of quotations.

Yours etc.,

COVENANT.

Hongkong, June 23, 1924.

DR. R. TAGORE.

CO-WORKER'S STAY IN HONGKONG.

After being welcomed by the Indian community at Singapore and giving a lecture in that part in the presence of the Bishop, Mr. C. F. Andrews, one of the best-known advocates of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore's philosophy, has arrived here by the "Emil Kirndorf."

Mr. Andrews has spent 21 years in India and he is associated with Dr. Tagore in the University at Shanti-Niketan. Dr. Tagore is due here by the "Suva Maru" on July 1 when Mr. Andrews will join him in a tour of Indo-China, Siam, Java and mayhap, Malaya.

SHAMEEN ASSASSIN.

FLOATING CORPSE IDENTIFIED.

INTERESTING SPECULATIONS.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

According to reports of the vernacular press in Canton, the name of the Annamite whose corpse was found in Canton Harbour near Tien Tze Ma Tao, June 21, is given in Chinese as Fan Hung-tai, of Peking (Chinese). One report also adds:

"During his tour the Governor-General of Indo-China has been followed by members of the Annamite revolutionary party and attempts were also planned while M. Merlin was in Japan, Peking, Tientsin, and Shanghai. Only lack of opportunity, due either to difference in time, close police protection, or shortage of weapons prevented the crime being committed at those places. When the Governor-General arrived at Canton, the party worked in three groups. One waiting on the Bund for the landing of the visitor. One registered at the Victoria Hotel as a prominent person of certain nationality. The third looked out from the window of a hotel. No group succeeded in approaching the Governor-General before he was safely housed at the French Consulate. One group noting that he had remained on the second floor, tried to enter, but was kept out by the door-keeper."

Canton press opinion is unanimous that the corpse found on June 21 in the Harbour was the dead body of the Annamite alleged to have thrown the fatal bomb.

Condition of the Wounded. No further news of Dr. Casabianca's condition had been received this morning by Dr. A. M. Vardon. Dr. Vardon says he would have heard if there had been any turn for the worse. He understands that none of the other injured are in danger.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—According to my interview in your yesterday's issue, your readers might have been misled to the impression that I was summoned to Canton, on Friday night to attend all the injured victims of the Shameen bomb outrage. This is not right at all. I went up to Canton only to see my old and good friend Dr. Casabianca, and if I had consultations about him with the local medical men, I had nothing to do whatever with the other injured people except to pay them a friendly visit. All these people as well as Dr. Casabianca were attended to, with much care and skill, by the local medical men—Dr. Kervran and Dr. Tullec of Paul Doumer Hospital and Dr. Reynolds of the Canton Hospital. I shall be much obliged to you should you insert this letter in your next issue.

Yours, etc.,

DR. A. M. VARDON.

Hongkong, June 24.

SETTLEMENT DAY.

"NOT AS BIG AS LAST YEAR."

WHARVES' SUDDEN JUMP.

To-day June 24, is Settlement Day on the local Rialto and it is hardly necessary to add that special interest is attached to it because it is also the half-yearly settlement. One of the leading brokers interviewed by the "China Mail" just before five o'clock, said that the turnover was considerable but not as big as at last year's half-yearly settlement.

No decision could be made till towards the end of the day but up to the time of the interview, "everything had passed smoothly and there was nothing unusual at all."

"Possibly," continued the broker, "there may be a number of shares carried over," but so far as his office was concerned there had not been the slightest hitch. A feature of the settlement was the sudden jump in "Wharves" yesterday afternoon. Yesterday morning they were quoted by the Stock Exchange at \$175 buyers and by the Sharebrokers' Association at \$173 buyers. Business was done late yesterday at \$180 cash and there were no shares offering at this same figure this morning.

A rowing boat in which Harold Charles Seagrave, of Percy-road, Broadwater, went out at Westgate was discovered later drifting empty, and no trace has been found of Seagrave.

"LIKE A MADMAN."

SHANGHAI TRIAL. EVIDENCE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, June 23.

W. N. Lester was committed for trial this afternoon on a charge of wounding. He reserved his defence.

Welsh, the victim, in evidence taken at his bedside, said he did not think Lester meant to kill him. He described Lester's behaviour as being like that of a madman.

Latest Shanghai papers give considerable prominence to the trial of W. N. Lester charged with attempting to murder John Welsh at the Wayport Rooms, on June 13.

Chief Det. Insp. Crickshaw was called to repeat the evidence of arrest he gave when defendant first appeared before Judge Grain, presiding in the absence of the Magistrate.

Dr. N. Hay Bolton was called. He stated that he attended Welsh in the "Georgie" Hospital on June 14, and found him suffering from a bullet wound which penetrated through the abdomen where it joins the thigh and after taking a downward, backward and outward course finished inside the body, where the bullet, which inflicted the wound, still remained. The reason the bullet had not been removed was that to do so would be a dangerous proceeding. It was doing no harm where it was.

Wounded Man's Condition. Questioned by Mr. E. T. Maitland (prosecuting for the police), as to whether he would describe the wound as serious, witness replied he would so describe it, owing to the fact that there was a remote danger of death. The bullet had only missed the large femoral artery by a fraction of an inch, and it was possible the wall of the artery had been damaged, in which case there would be danger of death. There were no signs of this, however. The wounded man would have to keep to his bed for the next three or four weeks.

Formal evidence regarding the taking of certain photographs of the Wayport Rooms was given by Inspector G. W. Gilbert, of the Finger Print Department of the Municipal Police.

"We Will See."

Mr. Rigul Schack, a Norwegian, manager of the Wayport Rooms, described the alleged shooting as he saw it. He stated that he was sitting on a bench in the rooms on June 13 in the afternoon, and shortly after four o'clock the accused came in. He sat down by witness and ordered a drink, and witness said to him, "What, drinking again Lester?" Witness asked this question because Lester had told him he had given up drink for a time. Accused replied, "No, I want to steady my nerves."

Shortly afterwards Welsh came in and walked over to the billiard table. Lester called out to him by name and Welsh said, "What do you want?" Lester replied to this, "Where is my gear?" Welsh shouted back, "Which gear?" Lester answered, "My clothes." Welsh said he had not got the man's clothes, and with that Lester pulled out a gun, said "You haven't? Then we will see." With that he fired, and witness saw Welsh fall to the ground clutching his hip. Witness went out to look for a policeman, but had to go to Hongkong police station before he was able to get anybody. When he returned to the Wayport Rooms in company with some detectives Lester had gone and Welsh had been removed upstairs.

Hughie Dennis McCauley, an American deck engineer, who was also in the Wayport Rooms at the same time, bore out the previous witness's story. He added that Lester shot Welsh with a .22 automatic pistol, and then went over and kicked him three or four times, passing the remark, "You son of a— you, next time I ought to give it you through the head." Witness then went out to get the police, but he met Schack on the same errand and so returned, putting the injured man to bed upstairs and telephoning for an ambulance.

"Just Shot A Fellow." Nicholas Rusecky, manager of the Astor Bar, told the Court that the accused went to the Astor Bar at about half past four on the afternoon of the 13th instant. He appeared to be rather nervous, and he went into the back office and borrowed a piece of paper from witness, with which he made a parcel out of something. In view of his excitement witness asked him what was the matter and he replied, "Oh nothing much. I've just shot a fellow in the Wayport Rooms." With that he laughed and went out, leaving witness to look after the parcel he had mentioned till he returned. Later in the day some detectives came in and made inquiries about Lester and when they had gone he opened the parcel and found it to contain an automatic pistol and some cartridges.

Det. Insp. Schmidt gave evidence of going to the Wayport Rooms on Schack's information and finding no-one there. He stated that the pistol and cartridges were brought to Hongkong station by Schack, together with a spent cartridge case which had been picked up on the floor of the Rooms.

McCauley, recalled, said the cartridge in question was picked up by the boy.

Accused was remanded until yesterday, when the Magistrate was to have taken the evidence of the wounded man in hospital.

PORTUGUESE FLIERS.

FLIGHT TO MACAO TO BE CONTINUED?

VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Hopes of the Portuguese aviators, Captain Brito Paes and Captain Sarmiento de Beires, continuing their flight to Macao have not been altogether abandoned. Further rumours are current that the intrepid fliers are planning a much more important project as they intend paying America a visit.

When a "China Mail" reporter called at the office of the Portuguese Consul-General this morning, the aviators, who were in spick and span uniform, were just about to pay a call at Government House, where they were received by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, shortly after eleven. The aviators were accompanied by Senhor C. de Albuquerque e Castro, the Consul-General.

It was gathered that H. E. Senhor Rodrigues, Governor of Macao, had intimated the desirability of the aviators going to Macao by aeroplane in accordance with original plans. Negotiations were in progress for the purchase of a machine locally which would take the aviators to Macao. The Consul was not in a position to state whether the purchase had been completed but it was understood that there would be no difficulty in buying a suitable aeroplane. Later in the day it was hoped to be able to make a definite statement regarding details of the flight to Macao.

On arrival at Macao, the programme of entertainment would be gone through as first intended after which the aviators would return to Hongkong. Plans were being made for a reception by the Portuguese community at the Club Lusitano when, so it is stated, gold cigarette cases and a valuable cheque would be presented to the aviators.

This morning it was also learned that the D.H. 9 aeroplane which crashed at Samchun had been brought back and was now in the Dock Co.'s premises at Kowloon where it will be packed for shipment to Lisbon.

A rather amusing story of how the news of the aviators' unexpected forced landing at Samchun, was received by the Chinese merchants in Macao, has reached the "China Mail."

Friday night's—or rather, Saturday morning's—celebrations in our sister Colony had the effect of sending one merchant out of bed to inquire what had happened. During the week-end he assured himself that no aeroplane had arrived at Macao and began to discredit the reports that the aviators were going to arrive at all.

Another Chinese, who supplies food to the military, was drawn into a protracted argument with the merchant, the sequel to which was a bet which necessitated their coming over to Hongkong yesterday morning. They failed to see the aeroplane but the merchant had to admit that the reports were entirely correct and that the celebrations were not due to any "political significance" as he first alleged.

As a consequence he will have to put a grand banquet for his friends when the aviators reach Macao. The other man's part of the bargain includes responsibility for a tremendous firecracker display.

The use of lighted candles in the new Liverpool cathedral, the consecration of which will be attended by the King and Queen in July, is to be discontinued as the result of a protest by Church-people.

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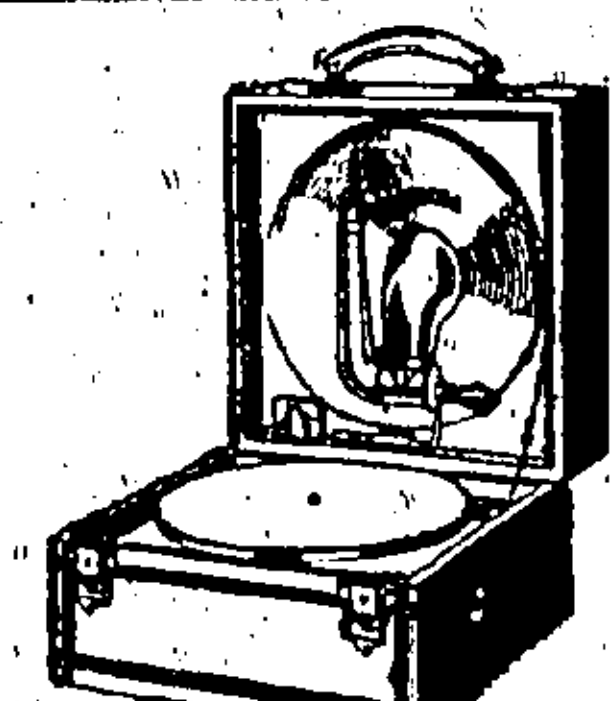
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"MALWA"	10,941	2nd July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"JEYPORE"	6,518	3rd July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
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"MALWA"	10,941	14th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	6,096	15th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"MAINTA"	10,912	16th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"TALMA"	10,000	28th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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"TANDA"	6,568	30th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAKADA"	6,849	1st July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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"JEYPORE"	6,518	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SOUDEAN"	6,096	4th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	6,096	5th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	6th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"JEYPORE"	6,518	7th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SOUDEAN"	6,096	8th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMA"	6,096	9th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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NAN PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nan Pak Hong quotations, based upon gold terms, were as follows:

24-hour sugar, average quality, per picul net. Futures No. 21, rough white. July delivery \$10.43. August delivery \$10.32. September delivery \$10.23. Spot—No. 21 rough white \$11.20. No. 18 rough brown \$11.50. Java brown \$10.80. Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—White Speary \$10.55. White Greens \$2.77. Nutmeg (Orange) \$2.72. Kuching \$2.85. Mace \$2.60. Big Bean \$2.72. Tiger Shield \$2.80. Globe \$2.65. Old Mill \$2.65. Rounder \$2.65. Melon \$2.68. White Rose \$2.65. Dayton \$2.75. Banana \$2.65. Kwai Tao \$2.65.

Rice: Average quality, per picul gross for net. No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.80.

KIPPO YUSEN KAISHA.

The Directors in their statement of the assets and liabilities of the Kippon Yusen Kaisha for the term ending March 31, 1924, write as follows:

The net profit, after providing for the depreciation of the fleet, insurance and ship general repair funds, amounts to Yen 1,618,214.51, which shows an increase of Yen 504,885.18, as compared with that of the last term.

Adding thereto Yen 324,631.78 and Yen 1,000,000.00, the amount brought forward from the last term and the amount transferred from the dividend equalization fund respectively, we obtain a total surplus of Yen 3,442,906.32. The Directors now propose that this surplus be appropriated as follows:

Legal reserve fund 90,000,000
Directors' and authors' fees 140,000.00
Dividend (10 per cent. per annum) 2,000,000.00

leaving a balance of Yen 312,906.32 to be carried forward to the next account.

In order to meet the new situation, it is proposed that the amount of loss sustained through the Great Earthquake, Yen 6,101,390.30, and a sum of Yen 4,000,000.00 required to augment the decreased pension fund, the two totalling Yen 10,101,390.30 be covered out of a portion of the long standing reserves, viz.:

Insurance fund 5,101,390.30
Merchandise 2,000,000.00
schools' fund 2,000,000.00
Reserve for construction and repair of buildings 3,000,000.00

SILK.

The silk per Blue Funnel steamer "Patrolus" which left Hongkong on May 19 was landed in Marseilles on June 17—a transit of 29 days.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President McKinley" which sailed from Hongkong at 10.00 a.m. on May 28, arrived in New York at 11.30 p.m. June 19, having been 22½ calendar days in transit.

Hatfield Forest near Bishop's Stortford, the gift of the late Mr. E. N. Buxton to the nation, was opened to the public on Saturday by Lord Ullswater.

Reports that two French aeroplanes were brought down by Turks in Syria and that villages have been bombarded by the French are semi-officially denied in Paris.

Fifty Australian schoolboys who are visiting England under the auspices of the Young Australia League were received by the King at Buckingham Palace.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The master of the "Yuenshang" reports that he passed a large water-logged junk, dangerous to navigation, in Lat 23.28N, long 117.42 East.

"Ideals in Art" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road C, on Wednesday June 25th, at 5.45 p.m. All are welcome—Advt.

An agreement was reached between the solicitors concerned in breach of contract case which was to have come before the Court this morning. The claimants were the Colonial Commercial Co., of Queen's Road, Central, and the defendants the Kwong Lun Hing firm of 37, Jervois Street. The claim for difference of the agreed purchase price and the price of goods (fancy woollen goods) fetched after the defendants refused to take them but the agreement arrived at was that the defendants should pay \$600 and costs.

The Admiralty have decided that the river gunboat "Moth," commissioned temporarily from the Reserve at Hongkong at the end of January with ratings from the light cruiser "Despatch," is to be maintained in full commission. A new crew for the "Moth" is accordingly to be sent to Hongkong, leaving England about the middle of June. The "Moth" will be recommissioned as an independent command for further service on Chinese rivers, increasing the number of river gunboats in full commission to 13, five in the West River, two in the Upper Yangtze, and six in the Lower Yangtze.

A Daily Bulletin cable from Peking states that a further Japanese Note sent to the Waichiao on June 21 on the subject of the Chinese Eastern Railway explains in regard to the Note of the 6th inst. that the "reservation" mentioned in the Waichiao's reply dated June 17 is a matter of course, hardly calling for any specific declaration by Japan. Japan, however, has deemed it advisable to invite the attention of the Chinese Government to that phase of the matter, in order to avoid unnecessary difficulties arising in future.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. E. S. Harrison is a passenger to Manila on the s.s. "President Grant" which left Hongkong yesterday.

A Consular telegram from Wanchow reports that Mr. Tex Ray, the captive missionary, has arrived there, says a Daily Bulletin message.

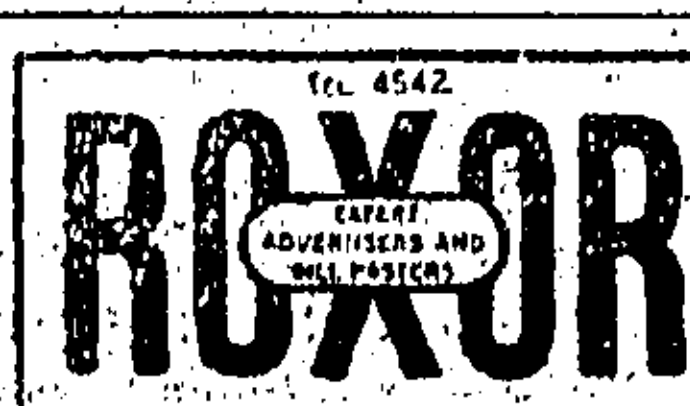
Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ede, and Mr. C. Little returned to the Colony by the "Empress of Asia." Other passengers included Mr. S. J. Hicks and Mr. H. Kadoorie.

A quiet wedding took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, when Miss Lillian Taylor, who recently arrived from Melbourne, Australia, became the bride of Mr. C. A. Donnelly of the Shanghai Waterworks, Ltd.

Capt. R. G. Sturges, Royal Marines, who was under orders to leave Plymouth for Portsmouth on May 15, has been appointed to succeed Capt. W. G. Quinlan, Royal Marines, as instructor of small arms at Hongkong. Capt. Quinlan has been at Hongkong since April, 1922.

Lieut. Commander C. W. May has been appointed to the river gunboat "Moth" on recommissioning. Engineer-Commander R. H. Withey has been posted to the "Titanic" at Hongkong, with effect from the 9th inst. Commander E. G. Morris, who was on the China Station some time ago, has been selected for special service with the Royal Australian Fleet.

Commander J. Graham Bower, D.S.O., now commanding the "Cyclops," depot-ship of the First Submarine Flotilla, has been selected for the command of the depot-ship of the Fourth Submarine Flotilla, on the China Station, the "Ambrose," in which Commander G. R. S. Watkins, D.S.O., has nearly completed two years. Commander Graham Bower is the writer of novels and sketches of life in the Navy under the nom-de-plume of "Klaxon."



CHARGE FAILS.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ACQUITTED.

The charge of demanding \$300 from the master of a coal junk brought against a Harbour Office coxswain and a Water Police engineer was dismissed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

According to the prosecution, complainant alleged that the two men boarded his boat on March 19, and demanded from him \$300. Mr. C. A. Russ for the defence submitted that the complainant went to the first defendant's house and stated he was going to form a company. Complainant asked the defendant to become a partner and suggested a sum of \$300. Solicitor's client could not raise the sum the same day and the complainant was asked to call on the following day. He did so and in the presence of both defendants the \$300 was handed over to him. Later, said Mr. Russ, his clients became anxious about their investment and they were informed by complainant that he had spent it, but he would return it later.

On the night mentioned in the charge, the defendants went aboard complainant's boat to get the money. The master of the junk took them over to Hongkong where they wandered about various streets and then went back to Kwai Tsing where at the pier they were arrested by a detective. Both defendants supported their solicitor's statement. The first accused when asked why he had told the police that he did not do the job said he made that plea because he was frightened as he understood that the authorities forbade any of their employees to joining a company. The Magistrate decided that from the evidence it appeared there had been negotiations between complainant and defendants and the charge would be dismissed.

TOUJOURS LA POLITESSE

ROBBERS WHO EMULATED RAFFLES' COOLNESS.

A BLUFF THAT WORKED.

Robbers who completely bluffed a foki in a tea dealer's shop by walking calmly through the shop and upstairs to the first floor, were reported to the Police yesterday to have bound and gagged the owner and his son and escaped with \$6,200 from a safe.

According to Wong Hang-kui, the tea-dealer, of the Yue Mau shop at 167, Des Vaux Road West, the two robbers entered his room while he and his son were resting on the verandah. The intruders produced a revolver and a dagger and threatened to shoot if any sound were made. They bound, gagged and blindfolded the dealer and his son, opened a safe and walked away as collectedly as they had come.

The foki told the Police that he thought the men were visitors. They entered quietly and disappeared without causing the least suspicion.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND HIS CAR.

When Inspector Thompson of the Sanitary Department was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with a traffic offence in which his car number, 580, was involved, he told the Magistrate that he admitted that this was his number, but it was seen on a lorry which he certainly did not possess. He owned an Overland two-seater car which he had given to a Chinese firm in Kowloon to be repaired over three months ago. He had a case pending in the Supreme Court with regard to these repairs.

In reply to Mr. Hamilton, Sergt. MacWalters said the lorry appeared to be an ordinary motor car chassis fitted up like a lorry.

The Magistrate remarked to Mr. Thompson that it may have been his car.

Mr. Thompson said it may have been, but he did not think it was. The case was adjourned for seven days.

A performance of the opera "Merrie England," given at Wormwood Scrubs Prison by the North London Philharmonic Society, was heartily applauded by the prisoners.

Mr. Aiken Ferguson, Communist who contested a seat at the general election, was selected as Labour candidate for the by-election in the Kelvingrove division of Glasgow.

WORLD THEATRE.

Mystery of the deep-dyed variety is the keynote of "Bavu," the all star Universal-Jewel special production which will be shown at the World Theatre to-morrow. It is said that this picture outdoes anything in the mystery line that the screen has ever known, completely mystifying audiences.

The cast of such a picture might be ordinary and the offering would "get over" through sheer strength of the mystery appeal, but "Bavu" incidentally presents such famous artists as Wallace Beery, Estelle Taylor, Josef Swickard, Forrest Stanley, Sylvia Breamer, Martha Mattox, Nickolai de Ruiz, Harry Carter, Jack Rollens and others. Stuart Paton directed them with the skill he displayed in "Reputation" and other Universal pictures.

Beery is particularly well known right now through his spectacular success in "Robin Hood," "The Flame of Life," "White Tiger" and other big screen triumphs. Estelle Taylor has been established as one of the screen's reigning "vamps," besides being a recognized peeress of beauty. Josef Swickard, the French father of "The Four Horsemen" is cast in a role brief but dramatic in "Bavu." Sylvia Breamer has been in many Universal successes.

HEALTH STATISTICS.

One English and three Chinese cases of diphtheria were notified during last week, one proving fatal. Of other notifiable diseases there were two of enteric fever (both Chinese and one imported), both proving fatal, also two of cerebro spinal fever (one Chinese and one Indian), one proving fatal. During yesterday, single Chinese cases of the following diseases were notified: small-pox, diphtheria, enteric fever, cerebro spinal fever and puerperal fever.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.



NOTICE.

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COMMENT ON OUR HARBOUR PROJECT.

GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

It is now about one year since the report of Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, on the suggested development of Hongkong as a port on lines sufficiently comprehensive to meet every probable demand of the next few decades was made public. But so far there has been no official announcement as to whether the Government has decided either to adopt or to shelve the Hongkong Bay (Fitzmaurice) scheme, or to take action as regards an excellent alternative scheme proposed by Captain Division. Government's thrive on procrastination, and the one at Hongkong appears to be no exception to the general rule. That, however, is more or less by the way.

A contract has been signed with a Dutch company—the Netherlands Harbour Works Co.—for the construction of a quay at North Point on behalf of a group of Chinese who are interested in the Java sugar trade, and this fact is of extreme interest in showing that whatever may be the intentions of the Hongkong Government as regards port development, private enterprise is not going to stand absolutely still awaiting events, observes *Shipping and Engineering* (Shanghai).

Mr. Fletcher's Remarks.

It is significant that Mr. Fletcher, addressing the Committee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce some months ago, remarked that there was every opportunity of opening up the undeveloped land at North Point for wharf and godown purposes. He further stated, the Government proposed to reserve the North Point area absolutely for port use, and quoted a minute from Mr. Perkins, the late D.P.W. of Hongkong, who wrote:—

"The Government is practically committed to develop the North Point Foreshore, and filling from the new 100 foot road is already being deposited on the western end thereof for that purpose; and I venture to assert that in the future possession of such a magnificent stretch of deep water frontage with wharfage alongside and stacking area extending back to the main road—and for a great portion of its length 800 feet in depth—the Government holds a field for future harbour development second only in value to that proposed to be created at Hongkong, and one which on no account should be alienated for any purpose unconnected with shipping."

"Paramount Importance."

It is refreshing to know that although the new scheme is entirely a private enterprise, the work will be carried out under the direct control of the Hongkong Government's Port Engineer, so that we can expect that whatever will be the ultimate main scheme for the development of Hongkong harbour decided on by the Government, the present private scheme will be embodied in the general one. This private scheme is of paramount importance in that it is the precursor of that wider development of the port's facilities which, sooner or later but inevitably, is bound to take place. Governmental delays and official procrastinations notwithstanding.

Shanghai's Wait and See.

A consideration of Hongkong's development gives one to wonder when the much-vaunted scheme for the development of Shanghai as a port is going to be retrieved from the dusty pigeon-holes at Peking. It soon will be three years since the committee of the world's greatest experts in port engineering gathered here and submitted their scheme for the betterment of Shanghai's port and the Whangpoo's approaches. The scheme was submitted to Peking without delay—and that appears to be the end of the matter. In this, as in many other matters connected with the advancement of China's commerce in which Peking is playing its famous role of wait and see, we can only hope.

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GOVERNMENT PLANNING SERVICE.

CONTRACT FOR ONE AIRSHIP ONLY.

The Macdonald Government has rejected the airship scheme outlined by Lieutenant-Commander Burney, to provide aerial communication for the Empire. However, a contract will be made with Commander Burney's company to build a single airship for the Indian service.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, announced in the House of Commons that after careful examination the Government had rejected the Burney scheme, but instead it would organise a comprehensive programme of airship research.

It would make a series of experiments, including full scale experiments, with an existing airship, which would be reconditioned for the purpose. It would construct also a new airship, with a capacity of 5,000,000 cubic feet.

The Air Ministry would undertake the construction of terminal, and intermediate bases overseas, and would provide facilities to enable two airships to travel with safety between Britain and India.

Mr. MacDonald added that the Air Ministry would simultaneously give Lieutenant-Commander Burney's company the first offer of a contract to construct the second airship for commercial purposes. The company would have the right to re-purchase the airship from the Air Ministry.

The Government would thus avoid the expenditure of £4,800,000 in 15 years, involved in the original scheme.

The amended proposals would probably cost at most £1,400,000 within the next three years.

The Burney scheme, said the Prime Minister, would have created a virtual monopoly in aerial transportation, and its other financial and technical features were also open to objection.

The modifications of it that the Government had agreed to meant the linking of private enterprise with airship development from the start, and in the event of success this would facilitate the early inauguration of commercial airship services open to all firms.

The new scheme would enable two airships to be placed in commission earlier than the original scheme, because they would be constructed simultaneously. It would also result in the maintenance of two separate airship manufacturing plants.

The Government would retain the existing airship stations and would own the overseas bases. Also, it retained the freedom to deal, in the future, with any company or group.

Lord Thomson, the Air Minister, made known the Cabinet's decision in the House of Lords. His statement confirmed the forecast of *The Sun*, made at the beginning of the month.

There is now the prospect of a keen race between the Burney company and the Air Ministry to complete their respective airships. Both airships will be used for a service between Britain and India.

"I cannot say how soon the first airship will arrive in Australia or New Zealand," said Lieutenant-Commander Burney, in an interview with the special representative of *The Sun*.

"Everything depends on the Air Ministry's energies in overcoming the initial difficulties in designing and testing the ships. If my scheme had been accepted we would have made the first voyage to Australasia within two years, using the war-time monitors as mobile bases at Singapore and on the Australian coast."

"My airship guarantee company, which is backed by Vickers, owns the Howden airship station. It could undertake any developments on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, or other Dominions, if granted a subsidy."

"We should need for Australia £300,000 a year until the Anglo-Australian service became commercially successful. If the Dominions decide to inaugurate airship services to Britain there is no reason why they should not start negotiations now and begin building when the Air Ministry and ourselves complete trial tests between Britain and India."

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FAMOUS SHIPS RECALLED.

CAPTAIN OSBORNE'S RETIREMENT.

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After 46 years' service Captain Marcus M. Osborne, one of the best known men in Australian shipping circles, is about to say good-bye to a command.

His memory can carry him back to those days when he served in the clippership "Tweed," one of the glorious ships that made history in the 'seventies and 'eighties of the last century.

The "Tweed" paid her first visit to Melbourne in 1873. "This magnificent clipper," writes Mr. Basil Lubbock, "was probably the tallest ship ever seen in Hobson's Bay. And wherever Captain Stuart took her she compelled admiration both for her majestic appearance and wonderful sailing performances."

The "Tweed" has been lovingly described in Joseph Conrad's book, "The Mirror of the Sea," and had some notable passages recorded in her log at different times. In 1876, with eight fine stallions on board, she ran from the Start to King's Island in 77 days on her way to Sydney, but was then held up three more days by calm.

Captain Stuart, of Peterhead, was for long the skipper of the "Tweed," and in the following year he commanded the "Loch Eive," in which Joseph Conrad served as an officer.

The "Loch Eive" was a full-rigged ship, and says Mr. Lubbock again, "for some years Captain Stuart failed to get anything remarkable out of her, though he drove her unmercifully." But his new command "never had anything like the speed of his old ship, the 'Tweed'."

"TRANSFERRED TO STEAM." Captain Osborne, who recalls Conrad's association with Australia, served as apprentice and as officer on the "Tweed" for the five years following 1872, and then transferred to steam. He came out to Australia in the A.S.N. Company's new steamer "Katoomba," sailing from Port Glasgow in April, 1878. He continued in the service of the company after his arrival in Australia, winning his command in 1882.

Upon the A.S.N. Company taking over in 1887 he joined up, and for 20 years commanded vessels in the Sydney-West Australian trade, including the "Piharra," the "Paroo," the "Marritza," the "Kyarra," and the "Indarra," of which vessel he superintended the fitting out in Glasgow in 1912, subsequently bringing her out to Australia.

The "Indarra" commenced running in the West Australian trade in February, 1913. In 1917 she was taken over for carrying troops to the war. Captain Osborne returned from war service to Australia in 1918, and was given command of the "Wyandra" in the Melbourne-Queensland service.

Now at the age of 65 he retires to enjoy a well-earned pension. The Council of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has decided that the question of admitting German and Austrian motor-cars to the annual Motor Show at Olympia shall be deferred until the reparations question has been settled.

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ROBOT BISHOPS.

WHAT THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE.

One often reads in the lives of saintly men that when they were offered bishoprics they always wanted to refuse; but then they consulted their friends, and their friends nearly always said: "You must accept, writes 'Parson Adams' in the *Outlook*. It will be so good for the Church," meaning, of course, their own party in the Church. So they accepted; and ceased to be of very much importance. For this is the paradox: As a man buttons on his gaiters he does cease to be of much importance, except, of course, in the eyes of the vulgar. What bishop is there at the present day who is influencing the thought-world of England—no one imagines that—but even the thought of the Church?

Therefore no man, when he is offered any of the gaudier walks of life, should listen to his friends, for they are biased and misguided. A canonry is different: it means a house, an income and no work, and is only dangerous because of its comfort; yet how many canons are there to whom we turn for spiritual guidance or expert advice? One or two, but very few. And the unhappy bishop is in a far worse plight: he has to give up reading, he has not time for thought; no one treats him as a human being, and he has to dress up like Mr. Pickwick.

In the Church House you see their photographs on every side. No one else counts in the Church House. Their chairs are generally propped on their fingers, but all you notice are the hideous inflated sleeves, which seem to suggest emptiness and pretension. They all have obituary notices in the *Times*; their cathedrals are choked up with monuments to them in bad Gothic; they were all quite expensive. But they did not make the Church of England of to-day. The names that have survived from the Nineteenth Century, the men whose thought is still alive and whose books are not yet pulped, belong not to the bishops, but to the doctors of the Kalendar—and to the plain parish-priests: Maurice, Kingsley, Robertson of Brighton, Keble, Newman, Pusey, Neale.

There were two or three great English bishops in the seventeenth century, such as Andrews, Jeremy Taylor, and Ken (and Bishop Butler in the eighteenth); but it is a notable fact that no bishops were selected to translate our English Bible in 1604, although six of the translators became bishops during, or shortly after the seven years spent on the work.

The Remedy.

What is the remedy? We must not try to persuade really first-class men to bury their heads under wings of lawn. Or, if they have fallen, we must get them to come back and start thinking again, as Bishop Gore has done. Yet we must have bishops. There are so many people still who think we should belong to the Catholic Church at all if we had no bishops. Besides, there are Confirmations to be taken, and rich people to be married. The only remedy is to apply to the R.U.R. Co., and induce them to manufacture Robot Bishops.

These should be made five feet eleven high and should be standardised in part, so that the present waste of money in silk chimeres, copes, mitres, and rings could be avoided. They should be of moderate girth, and thin about the jaws; for it is better for the credit of the Church that they should not incline to portliness. The nose should be prominent but varying in pattern, and the make-up in the matter of hair should also be carefully varied, so as to prevent them interfering in any another's dioceses without the knowledge of the faithful.

They should be simple in structure without complexity in the alimentary canal, so that they can be fed on molasses, or some equally portable nutritious food. They must be fatigue-proof, and capable of visiting all the parishes in their dioceses on foot. The muscular action also should be very simple: a good stride, a head permanently set a little forward, and a few simple arm gestures, didactic, benedictory, and minatory would be all that would be needed. But the set lips of the other R.U.R. models must be overcome. The robot bishop must smile, or he will be at once returned to the stamping mills.

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"BAVU"

COMING TO THE WORLD TO-MORROW.

EMPOLI MASSACRE.

SOME SHOCKING REVELATIONS.

Horrible details of the Empoli massacre, in February, 1921, were brought to light at the trial of the 138 Communists which is in progress at Florence. The presiding judge, summing up the story of the massacre, declared that it was "one of the most horrible episodes of human ferocity." When in February, 1921, one of those innumerable general strikes was declared without rhyme or reason, as happened throughout the Socialist agitation of 1920, 1921, and 1922, a small Socialist congress, of which one was held every month in some region or other of Italy at the instigation of the Russian Bolsheviks, was sitting at Leghorn. It was therefore known immediately to this congress that the Government had ordered companies of soldiers and sailors to act as engine drivers and prevent a complete stoppage of railway traffic. The Communist Maltagliati on a motorcycle overtook the convoy of soldiers and carabinieri, and preceded it to Empoli, where he gave the alarm. Nearly every town in Tuscany at that time was more or less under a Communist reign of terror, with red flags over the town halls. The Communists of Empoli, who were well supplied with arms and all the requisites for civil war, immediately armed themselves and waylaid the military escort and the motor lorries. Maltagliati, seeing one of these stopped owing to trouble with the motor, questioned the chauffeur as to the object of the journey, and gave himself out as a Fascist. He thus learned the exact route the trucks were following, and gave full information to the armed Communists of Empoli.

When the first lorry reached Empoli at five p.m. it was received with numerous shots from men in hiding, and compelled to halt in front of the Socialist headquarters, where a bomb was thrown and the

first two victims fell. "One was Gunner Carlo Turli, who, shot dead, fell from the lorry and was dragged about, trampled upon, and horribly mangled by the infuriated mob. The lorry succeeded in starting again, but before getting outside the town boundaries two more of its occupants were killed. Meanwhile barricades were erected further inside the town, and was fired upon and attacked by a howling mob, led by a certain Giuseppe Rossi. This Giuseppe Rossi, who had assumed the pompous title 'People's Commissary,' no longer recognised the authority of the Italian Government, and only obeyed instructions from Moscow. One of the Carabinieri was shot dead as he was escaping by the Communist Giovanni Morelli. Morelli next aimed his pistol at the Carabinieri Miso. The latter, who was without arms, implored him not to shoot; but Morelli fired and killed him. Another soldier took refuge in the Communist headquarters, where he was hunted down and shot. Others were chased along the streets, wounded repeatedly, and driven into the river, where they were drowned.

The reading of the details of the massacre caused a sensation in court. The prisoners, among whom were Rossi and Morelli, listened impassively. The judge began immediately with the hearing of witnesses, who repeated their previous depositions. Among prisoners is one old woman accused of having bitten off the ear of one of the victims after he had been shot.

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Mrs. Bertha Hale White, executive Secretary of the Socialist Party of America, who is the only woman to direct and head a political party. She is at present making a big drive, routing her speakers, sending out campaign literature and raising money in preparation for the Socialist Convention to be held in Cleveland on July 6. She is to preside at this Convention.



Niels Anson, known as the "Edison of Norway," who recently demonstrated his latest idea, the automatic soldier. He claims that with his new automaton, it will not be necessary to send our boys to fight in the future, but just leave it to the automatons. He claims that the soldiers can be controlled 10 miles away. He has also plans for a depth bomb, which can destroy a super-dreadnought.



J. Anker Larsen, noted Danish author, whose novel, "The Philosopher's Stone," has won the biggest money prize ever offered for a book—£2,500 and is being published in seven countries, including Britain.



ANOTHER WAR IMPENDING—The Soviets are said to have drawn up a large army along the Danube River, preparatory to an attempt to wrest Bessarabia from Rumania. The latter's forces are also concentrating, and Bulgaria, Greece and France may be drawn into the quarrel.



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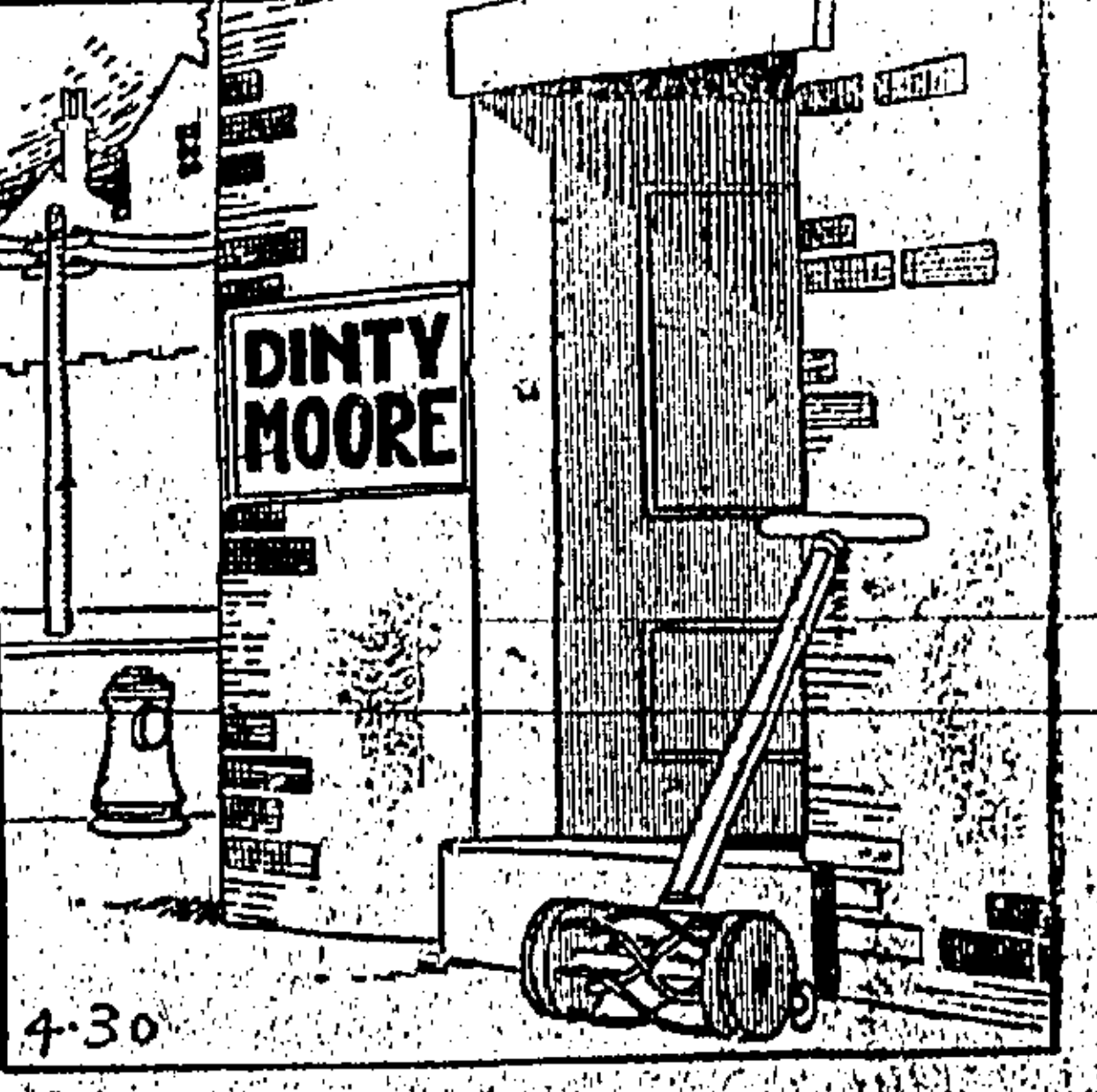
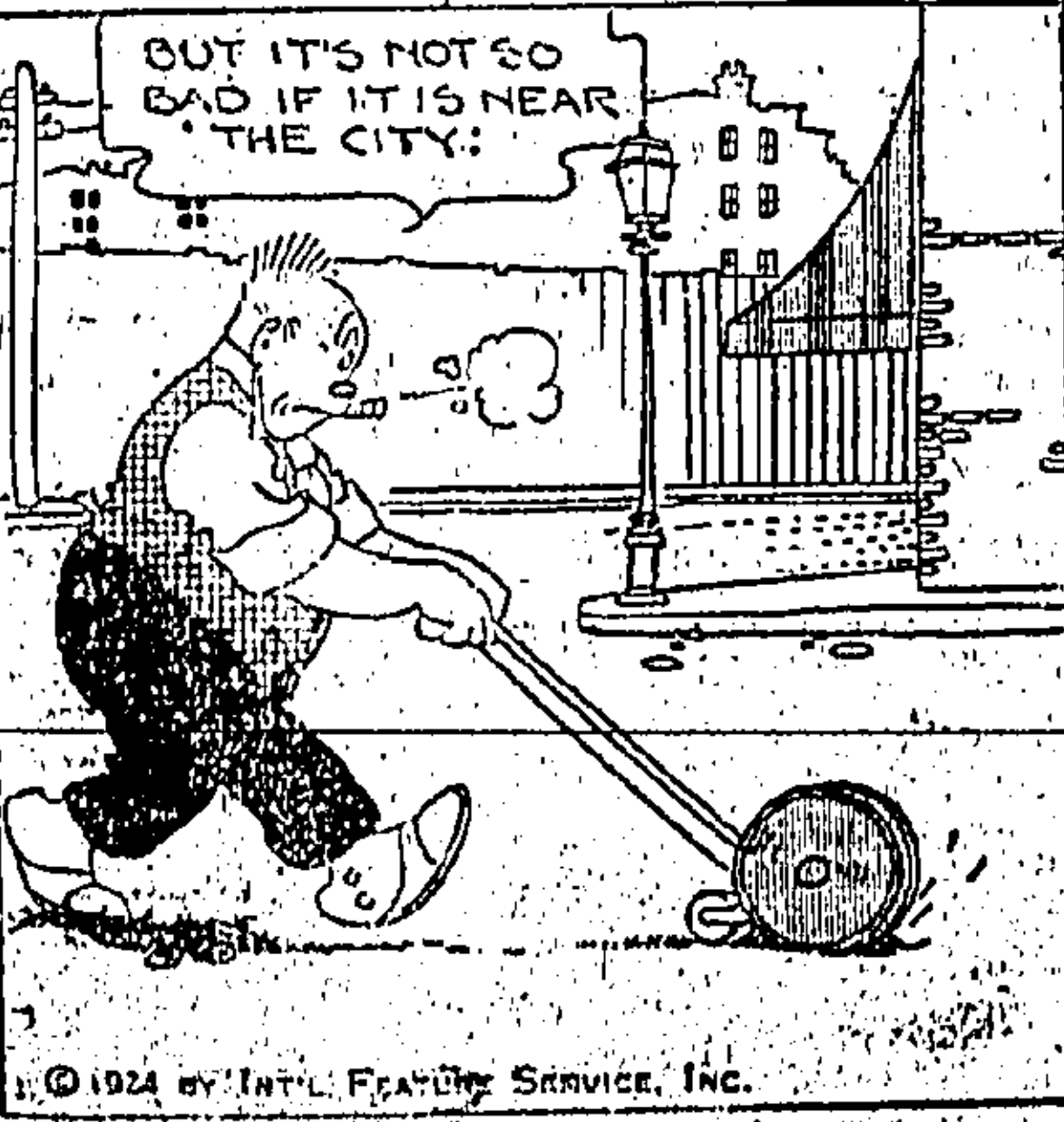
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Mr. James Brown, M.P., the Ayrshire miners' leader, who has become Lord High Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, had audience of the King at Buckingham Palace, prior to his departure for Edinburgh, where the Assemblies open. Seen by the Daily News, Mr. Brown willingly sketched his programme for the fortnight when he and Mrs. Brown will represent the King and Queen at Edinburgh.

"We have got all our robes and gowns of office now," said Mr. Brown. "My official dress, which I shall wear when the Lord Provost and magistrates of Edinburgh formally hand me over the keys of office, consists of a deputy-leutenant's red tunic, blue trousers with red stripe, and cocked hat."

"I am having no plumes on the hat—oh no—but I shall have to wear a sword."

"Mrs. Brown has had the help of the Duchess of Atholl and the Marchioness of Ailsa in the choice of her robes and hats. Her Grace the Duchess was Lady High Commissioner on three successive occasions, and we value her assistance very much."

"All this talk about Edinburgh snobishness is exaggerated," continued Mr. Brown; "everybody is helping us all they can, and I look forward to my fortnight as Lord High Commissioner with pleasure."

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DEPARTURE.

Per A. O. L. s.s. "President Grant" on June 23.—Mr and Mrs R. Martinez, Mr H. C. Anderson, Master J. B. Loring, Mr Wilfredo V. Ty, Mr J. Ryan, Mr and Mrs C. E. Ingenritz, Mrs P. E. Olliver, Mr F. S. Harrison, Mrs M. E. Duckett, Mr Lau Hin Yan, Mr Wong Sick Pui, Mrs One Bon Jan, Master Wong Shui So, Mr Wong Lam, Mr Kher Kang Swee, Lt. L. W. Becker, Mr K. Bolton, Mr and Mrs C. D. Crandall, Mr J. Crandall, Miss C. Crandall, Miss F. Crandall, Miss J. Crandall, Miss I. Crawford, Lt. I. E. Cox, Mr J. Craig, Miss F. Carby, Mr T. G. Davis, Miss M. E. Erwin, Hon. E. A. Gilmore, Mr L. M. Huffman, Mr A. F. Henry, Mr A. A. Heidenreich, Miss S. J. Hayward, Mr L. W. Hartigan, Mr A. Hallaran, Mr L. W. Jacobs, Mr C. Jamies, Mr L. E. Jenks, Miss R. Leibbrand, Mr C. Reich, Mr G. Shingler, Mr R. H. Steffins, Mr L. D. Seymour, Mrs R. C. Thomas, Mr and Mrs A. Von Bergen, Mr M. Walzer, Miss A. Wodding, Lt. V. B. Wright.

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The O.S.K. s.s. "Havre Maru" (New York Line) left Shanghai for Hongkong on June 22 and is expected to arrive here on June 26.
The C.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama on June 21 a.m., left Yokohama on June 21 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on June 21 p.m.
The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Grant" which sails from this port at midnight yesterday, is due in Manila tomorrow. She returns from that port at 5 p.m. on June 22 arriving here at 7 a.m. on June 30 and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. on July 2.
The B.F. s.s. "Tokomaru" left Liverpool on May 30 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Hankow and is due here on or about July 5.
The O.P.S. s.s. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on June 19 and is due here on July 7.
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The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kikano Maru" (Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line) left London for Hongkong via Suva on June 7 and is expected here on July 16.
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The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Adams" which is due at this port on July 31 sailed from New York on May 29 on schedule.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 28.
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MONDAY, JUNE 30.
Japan
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Manila
TUESDAY, JULY 1.
Straits
FRIDAY, JULY 4.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai
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TUESDAY, JULY 15.
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 16.
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TUESDAY, JULY 22.
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For TUESDAY, JUNE 24.
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Samahai and Wuchow 4 p.m.
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Amoy and Foochow 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.
Manila 8.30 a.m.
Swatow 8.30 a.m.
Java via Soerabaya 10.30 a.m.
Sagay 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai 10.30 a.m.
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THURSDAY, JUNE 26.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 8.30 a.m.
Hainan and Bangkok 8.30 a.m.
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FRIDAY, JUNE 27.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 28th July.
Parcels June 27 5 p.m. Registration June 28 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, "Canada", "U.S.A.", "Central and South America" & "EUROPE" via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco July 23. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, JUNE 28.
Hainan and Haiphong 8 a.m.
Manila 10 a.m.
Yokohama 10 a.m.
Weihaiwei 10 a.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 29.
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 9 a.m.
Manila 9 a.m.
MONDAY, JUNE 30.
Manila, Suez, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 15th July. Parcels 5 p.m. 2nd July. Registration 8.15 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.
Straits
TUESDAY, JULY 1.
"Straits", "Ceylon", "India", "Mauritius", "E. & S. Africa" & "Europe" via Marseilles—due Marseilles 28th July.
Parcels June 30 5 p.m. Registration July 1 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & "EUROPE" via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 21st July. Parcels 20 5 p.m. Registration 2nd July 9 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt, & "EUROPE" via Marseilles—due Marseilles 28th Aug. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & "EUROPE" via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 31st July & Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels for Canada only—9 p.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 3.
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Suiyang, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, B-12.
Drafar, (K. N. Seng) from Bangkok, Hoihow, C-7.
Chukwa Maru, (N. K. K.) from Haiphong, Hoihow, West Point.
Yuenang, (J. M. & Co.) from Manila, Amoy, B-32.
Sheaf Lance, (Dodwell) from Chinwantao, B-50.
Cochinchina, (Kai Yu) from Swatow, C-14.
Latma, (B. I. S. N.) from Kobe, Amoy, Kowloon Wharf.
New Mathilde, (Yik Tai) from Haiphong, Pakhoi, C-19.
Talyo Maru, (Grimble) from Talyo, Kowloon Wharf.
Biyo Maru, (T. K. K.) from Nagasaki, A-25.

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Cargo arrived per s.s. "Gerania" remaining undelivered after June 28, will be subject to rent. Agents—Dowell & Co. Ltd.
A copy of Harvey's treatise on the circulation of the blood, printed in Latin at Cambridge in 1649, has been acquired by the British Museum.
Mr. J. L. Shannon, stationmaster at Derby, has been promoted to be stationmaster at St. Pancras in succession to the late Mr. F. Clements.

Sanka Maru, (M. B. K.) from Hongkong, Wanchai.
Hal Poong, (Douglas) from Foochow, Swatow, June 24.

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Kalgan, (B. & S.) for Bangkok, Swatow, June 24.
Hopsang, (J. M. & Co.) for Bangkok, Swatow, June 24.
Waihsing, (J. M. & Co.) for Tientsin, Swatow, June 24.
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